

## Letter from Tilton C. Reynolds to Juliana Reynolds, March 21, 1864

Camp of the 105th P.V.

Near Culpeper, Virginia

March 21st 1864

My Dear Mother,

Once more I Seat myself to write a few lines to you although I must confess I have not much news to communicate though perhaps I can find enough to fill half of this Sheet.

A few nights ago we was ordered to fall in line of Battle that the Rebels were crossing the Rapidan River at Racoon Ford. Our Regt had just went on picket (ie) the principle part of it so they was not many to fall in but we did not have to go out so it was well enough.

The cause of the alarm it is Said was this-- a party of upwards of 100 Rebels had deserted and crossed the Rapidan and a Body of the Rebel Cavalry was in pursuit and our Folks thought it was an attempt of the whole Army to cross. Our Cavalry was Soon out and drove the few "Gray Backs" acrosst to where they belonged. The Deserters themselves turned around and helped our Cavalry to drive them. They deserted with their guns and Equipments. This is the report. It may not be true but we intend to believe it until we know better.

I got a letter from Gould last night. I am expecting one from you to night I may be disappointed however.

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I Send you the Cols Photograph. It is not a very good one but you can see what he looks like by it. When we get paid I will get Some taken (ie) if we dont move before that time and then will Send you all you want. I sent you my Certificate the other day so you could get the Local Bounty if they are paying any and I heard they were. If they aint do not give up the Certificate but let them draft a man in my place.

I am enjoying good health. I Still hear encouraging news from home which revives my spirits amazingly. But I will close. Write as often as possible. Your Loving Son.

T.R.

[P.S.] I helped bury a man yesterday that died in our Regiment hospital. He belonged to Co K. He died of Remettent Fever. I helped carry him to his grave and put him in. We carried him over on the bed he died in and put him in with out a coffin. Rest Soldier Rest

T.R.